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1. GERMANY: Land government resigns in protest--US Political Representative Mayer in Baden-Baden reports that the German Land Government of Wurttemberg-Hohenzollern (French Zone) has resigned in protest against French orders for further dismantling of industrial plants. To counter German allegations that these orders resulted from efforts of British and Dutch watchmaking firms to destroy German competition, Mayer suggests that the US confirm French public statements that the dismantling orders are not unilateral measures and have been sanctioned by representatives of the European recovery program. Mayer believes that this US confirmation would do much to calm present German agitation on this question and might prevent the spread of this unrest to other Laender and possibly other Zones.

(CIA Comment: The German action is indicative of the longstanding and now increasingly overt German antagonism to Allied occupation measures which the Germans consider punitive.)

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